Dead Count

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JUSTIN JONES

ART:
NIKKI BERNADEZ

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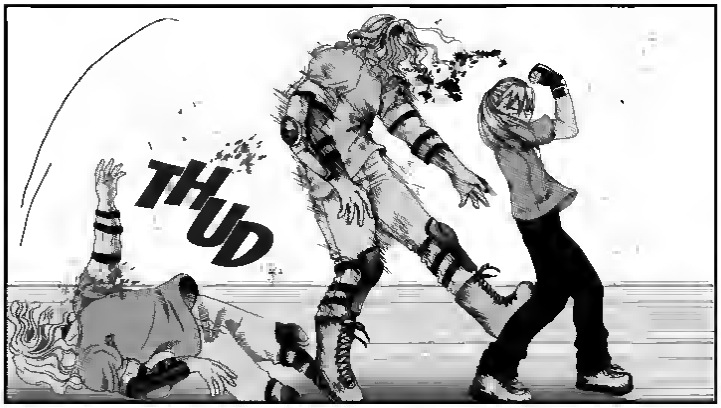
BAAAM!
BAM!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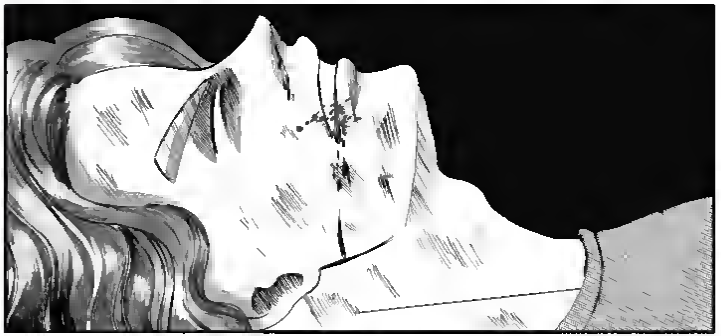
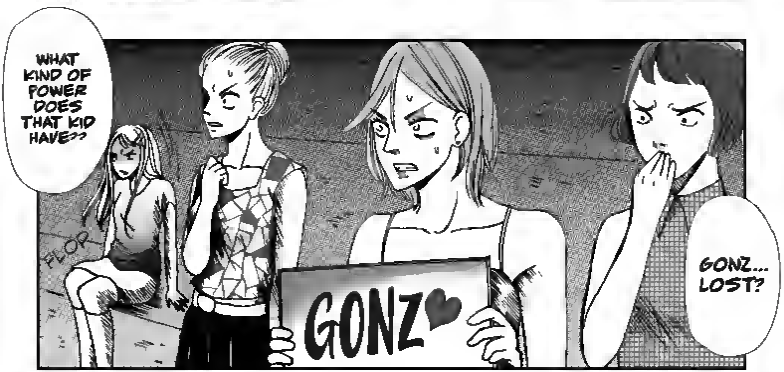



WHAT KIND OF POWER DOES THAT KID HAVE??
PLOP
GONZ
GONZ... LOST?

CLENCH
AMAZING..
CLANG!
BWAK!
BAM!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

COME!
I CAN'T JUST LET YOU LEAVE ME BEHIND, KAI.
CHARGE!
OOOREH!

!!
GLANCE
GLANCE

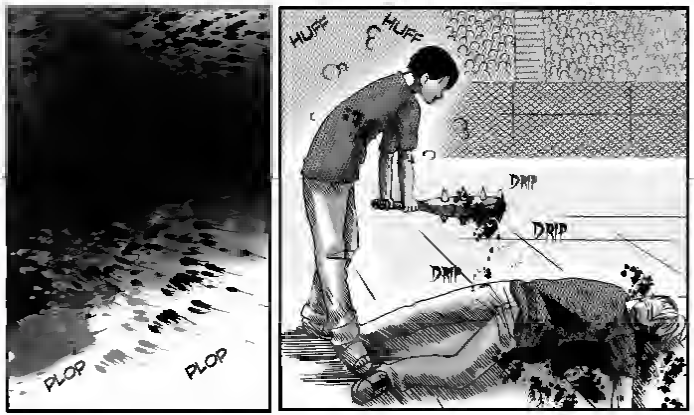
SMASH
GUHH!
VFFFF
SAH!
AB

EVERY MOVE HE DOES IS JUST SO EFFICIENT.

BUT THOSE 4 ARE DEFINITELY SOMETHING ELSE..
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HMM. NOT A BAD GROUP. AT THIS LEVEL, YOU DON'T REALLY SEE MANY UNIQUE WEAPONS SO IT'S ALL ABOUT TECHNICAL SKILLS AND PERSONAL STRENGTH.
SO THERE'S A LITTLE WIGGLE ROOM FOR UNDER PERFORMANCE.
THAT KID IS GOING WILD.
I'LL KEEP TEARING THROUGH THEM TILL I FIND HIM!
SZZZZZZ
BAM!

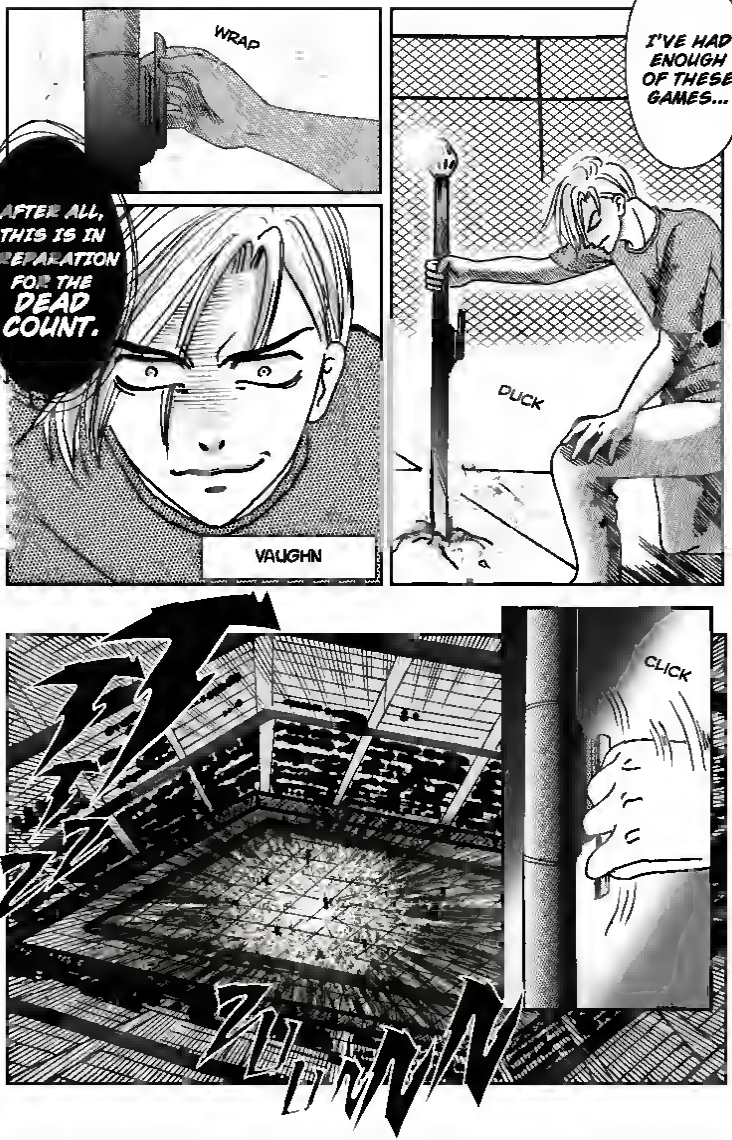
SLASH!
SP
SS
S
HE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL.
DEFINITELY ONE TO KEEP AN EYE ON.
THEN THERE'S-
IRWIN BARANT #2 OF TEAM RIEGLER (N A)
THAT ONE DOESN'T LET ANY OPPORTUNITY PASS HIM BY. GREAT INSTINCTS.

CRACK

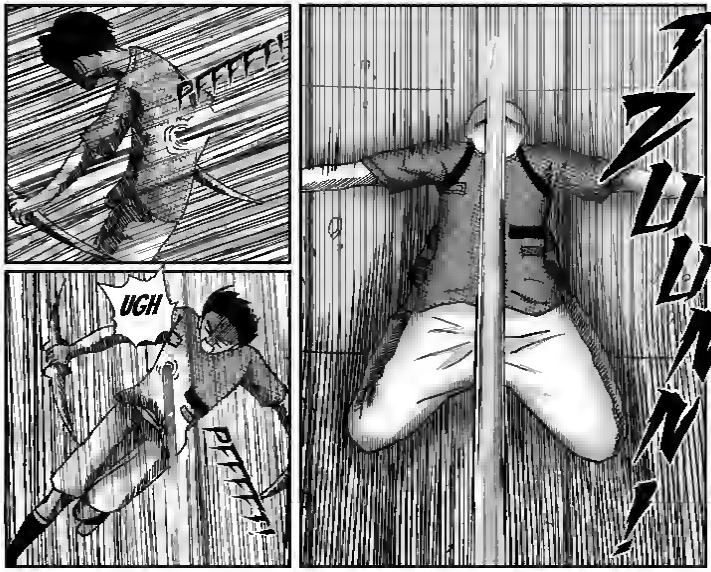

HUFF
HUFF
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
PLOP
PLOP

DRIP
THUD
THUD
THUD

I'M SORRY BUT WITH SUCH HIGH ODDS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE MAN! I'M SORRY!!
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THE LAST TIME SOMEONE GOT KILLED IN THE QUALIFIERS. AND TO THINK I ALMOST SKIPPED OUT ON THIS!
FINALLY! SOME REAL ACTION!
UPROAR
WOOO!
YEAH!
PLANT
WASN'T THIS...
YEAH!
WOOO!
JUST A QUALIFIER ROUND..


WRAP
AFTER ALL, THIS IS IN PREPARATION FOR THE DEAD COUNT.
VAUGHN
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THESE GAMES...
DUCK
CLICK
ZUNN

TZUUUNN!
SHHHH!
DIVE!
THUMP
SHHHH!


PFFFT!
UGH
PFFT!
TZUUNN!

IZZLE!
IZZLE!
IZZLE!
WOO!!
WOO!!

DUN...
GRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
PEEK
HOW THE HELL DID HE GET A WEAPON THAT POWERFUL INTO THE QUALIFIERS?
GRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

FFFFFFFF...
FFFFFFFF...
THUMP.
MY GOD..
SUZUKI!!
MANNN. TALK ABOUT A BOARD WIPE.
TAP
TAP
TAP

SEEMS LIKE THOSE TWO HAVE SOME ISSUES TO WORK OUT.
GLANCE
PLUCK
TURN
KAI.
ALL THE BETTER FOR ME.

SEEMS LIKE THOSE TWO KNOW EACH OTHER. THINK THEY'LL TEAM UP?
THIS IS WHERE IT'LL GET INTERES -TING.
ONLY 4 LEFT, THIS COULD GO A LOT OF WAYS.
YEAH.... THAT'S HIM.
!!!
IT'S POSSIBLE.
HUH-? ISN'T THAT..
RAFAEL HAYASHI.
THE ACE OF TEAM VASQUEZ,

WE LOVE YOU!
YOU ARE THE BEST!
GUESS THE RUMORS WERE TRUE ABOUT GETTING RID OF SID AFTER THE FINALS LAST YEAR THEN.
TUT
TUT
2
SEEMS SO. THERE'S A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THEIR TEAM TO WIN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THEY CAN'T AFFORD DEAD WEIGHT. BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...

THEN IT'S POSSIBLE ONE OF THESE FOUR
COULD BE RECRUITED BY THE BEST TEAM IN NEW AMERICA.
END.